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Mr. Jack M. Holl
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Dear Mr. Holl:

Thank you for your letter of 8 February 1985, requesting access to certain CIA-originated material at the Lyndon B. Johnson and John F. Kennedy Libraries for a team of Department of Energy researchers working on the official history of the Atomic Energy Commission. I'll enclose copies of my letters to Dr. Humphrey at the Johnson Library and Ms. Forbes at the Kennedy Library, authorizing the access you requested for the following researchers:

Jack M. Holl
Roger M. Anders
Alice L. Buck
Sheila C. Convis
Prentice C. Dean

This authorization will be good to the end of your research on this volume treating the AEC in the 1960-1975 years.

Please note that the Department of Energy must certify directly to the libraries all the clearances these team members expect to use. Once these clearances are certified, Dr. Humphrey and Ms. Forbes can arrange access to relevant CIA-originated files for each team member, up to the level of his or her clearances.

I'll also enclose a copy of our "CIA Records Access Policy" statement, which explains our procedures. As this statement notes in paragraph three, you and your team are free to take notes and to have copies made of CIA documents, so long as the libraries collect and send these notes and copies to this office. After CIA review, we'll send you the documents and notes released, and notify you of any material that cannot be released. The usual caveats, as noted in the policy statement, apply concerning further CIA review before the declassification, downgrading or publication of any released CIA material.

Yours sincerely,

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/s/
J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian



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February 8, 1985

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Dear Mr. McDonald:

The History Division of the Department of Energy is beginning the research and writing of a fourth volume of the official history of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. The volume will cover the history of the Commission and developments in atomic energy during the years 1960-1975. The volume will be unclassified, but we will need access to classified materials during the research and writing phases. The final manuscript will undergo a multi-agency classification review before it is published.

I have discussed access to classified materials with archivists at the John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Libraries and they have informed me that your written authorization is required before we can research classified Central Intelligence Agency documents in their collections. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you would send authorizations for myself, Roger M. Anders, Alice L. Buck, Sheila C. Convis, and Prentice C. Dean to examine and to reproduce from classified CIA materials to:

Suzanne Forbes
John F. Kennedy Library
Columbia Point
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

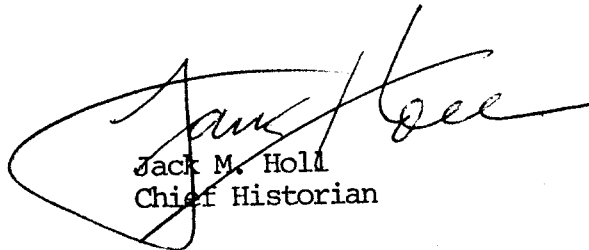
and

David C. Humphrey
Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum
2313 Red River
Austin, Texas 78705

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We will properly authenticate copies of classified Central Intelligence Agency documents and will store them in the appropriate secure facilities. I have a Q sensitive clearance as does each of the other members of my staff. If you have any questions about our storage facilities or our clearances, you may direct them to Mr. Barry Dalinsky, Department of Energy, Room E-372, Germantown Building, Washington, D. C. 20545. Mr. Dalinsky's telephone number is 353-5010.

I would appreciate it if you would send the authorizations to the Kennedy and Johnson Libraries by April 12, 1985 so that we could begin our research at either library during the week of April 15-19, 1985. We will be making several research trips to both libraries so I would appreciate it if your authorization for both access and reproduction will be valid for the remainder of Fiscal 1985. If you have any questions about the nature of our project, please direct them to me on 353-5431.



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